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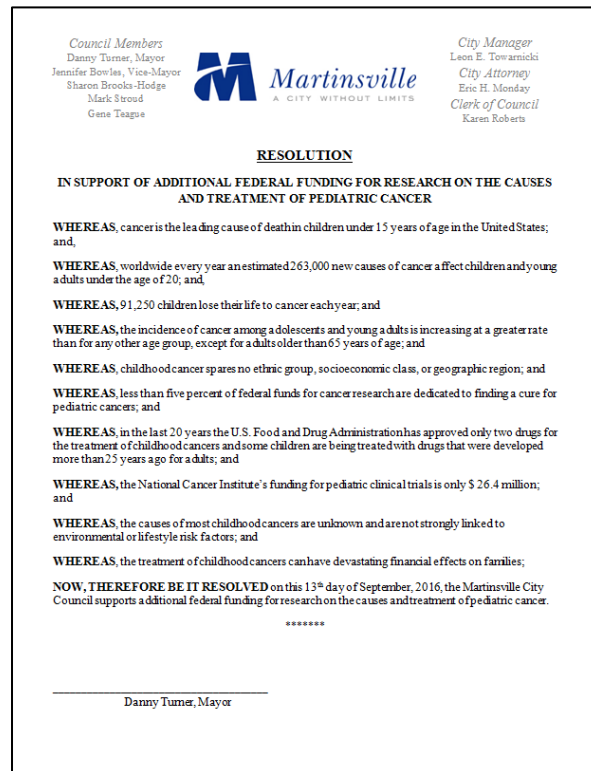
The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on September 13, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Council Member Mark Stroud was absent. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles, with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Hodge, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; and Mayor Turner, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probably litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the Session. A motion was made by Teague, seconded by Hodge, with the following 4-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Hodge, aye; Mayor Turner, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; and Vice Mayor Bowles, aye.

Following the invocation by Council Member Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from the August 23, 2016 Council Meeting – Council Member Teague made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge with a 4-0 Council vote in favor.

Consider adoption of a resolution in support of additional federal funding for pediatric cancer research – Council Member Hodge read the resolution supporting federal funding for pediatric cancer research. Teague stated that research shows that children's cancer can be cured easier than adult cancer but there is minimal funding to support it. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to adopt the resolution, Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.



Hear an update from Community Development on several current projects administered through the Community Development office – Wayne Knox updated Council on Community Development projects including the Northside CDBG project, the Neighborhood Stabilization program and the Brownfield Grant project. A representative from Draper Aden Associates from Blacksburg, Virginia provided a detailed presentation on the Brownfield Grant project. Knox said part of the effort is to have more outreach and encourage the community to join the project and suggest sites. Bowles said she hopes that building up residential areas is a priority. Hodge suggested adding this topic to the neighborhood community meeting agendas. Turner wants the property owners to be aware of the worst-case scenario regarding costs related to property upgrades.

Consider approval of consent agenda – Teague made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Hodge seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 09/13/16				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY16				
General Fund:				
01101916	434105	State Categorical Shared - Comm Atty		4,421
01221082	08208	Commonwealth's Atty - Software	4,421	
		Transfer/Case File Management System		
Total General Fund:			4,421	4,421

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 09/13/2016				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY17				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		1,650
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	1,219	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	76	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	18	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	244	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	93	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup - July		
01100909	490137	Recovered Costs - Public Safety		2,144
01331108	501200	Sheriff/Corrections - Overtime	1,992	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	123	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	29	
		Off Duty Security reimbursements		
Total General Fund:			3,794	3,794
Sewer Fund:				
13103936	407700	Indebtedness - VRA Loan Proceeds		475,144
13551326	508224	Wastewater Maintenance - SRI Project - Phys. Plant Exp. VRA Reimbursement #4	475,144	
Total Sewer Fund:			475,144	475,144
Water Fund:				
12103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		815,343
12543313	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	815,343	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #3 & #4		
Total Water Fund:			815,343	815,343
Electric Fund:				
14103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		1,303,521
14563338	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	1,303,521	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #3 & #4		
Total Electric Fund:			1,303,521	1,303,521
CDBG Fund:				
47100905	416208	Sale of Property		36,817
47832379	503123	NSP 3 - Rehab Construction	4,250	
47913297	509177	Refund - PY Revenue	32,567	
		Sale of 926 Myrtle Road - NSP 3 Program		
Total CDBG Fund:			36,817	36,817

Comments by members of City Council – Council Member Teague highlighted the VML meeting in relation to the lottery for localities proposal. The Legislative committee postponed the discussion until the next meeting. Vice Mayor Bowles congratulated Pastor Whitfield, offered prayers to the families and victims of 911, and congratulated the Martinsville High School Bulldogs. Mayor Turner recognized First Baptist Church of East Martinsville on their 120-year anniversary and also congratulated the MHS Bulldogs.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki said Friday was United Way Day of Action including the Corner Escape Park through Gateway and Eastman Company who spent a lot of time on that project and other various projects throughout the community. There will be a neighborhood meeting in the Druid Hills area at Patrick Henry School on Monday September 26, 2016. Upcoming council meetings will include C-PEG updates, NCI updates, and updates from School Intern Superintendent Talley in October. On October 6, 2016, the Martinsville Area Community Foundation will hold their annual reception at Chatmoss. VML Annual Conference will be held October 9-11, 2016. Towarnicki is working with NCI to host a VML dinner where legislators will be invited.

Council Member Teague also mentioned Council Member Stroud who had surgery previously. Teague said Stroud is doing well but would not be released by his doctor until later this week.

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Business from the Floor (*not televised*) – No one approached the podium.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bowles with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor